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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS - FEB. 23 - MAR. 1, 1977

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION. VANCE VISIT ENCOURAGED MOOD
OF CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM IN MEDIA AND AMONG OTHER USIS CONTACTS.

2. PARTIAL IV GRANTEE GHASSAN RIFA'I RETURNED GLOWING FROM
VISIT AND POST EQUALLY PLEASED WITH RESULTS. TISHRINE EDITOR'S
INTERVIEW WITH VANCE PLACED ON FRONT PAGE OF HIS PAPER AND
FOLLOWED BY SERIES OF 'MOOD OF AMERICA' PIECES. PROGRAM CAN
BE TERMED FIRST MAJOR SUCCESS FOR OUR IV EFFORT. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS.

3. OPENING OF RICHARD ANUSZKIEWICZ EXHIBIT PRODUCED
COMMENTS SUCH AS "THE REAL THING - THE BEST EXHIBIT
DAMASCUS HAS SEEN IN RECENT MEMORY," AND ATTRACTED
LARGEST AND MOST ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD POST
HAS SEEN AT ANY EXHIBIT. ATTENDANCE OF OVER 550
ALMOST DOUBLE SIZE OF ANY PREVIOUS USIS EXHIBIT SINCE
RE-OPENING AND SUPERB LOCATION OF PEOPLES GALLERY
IN THEATRE-SHOPPING AREA PROMISES CONTINUOUS FLOW. OPERATORS
OF GALLERY, BAATH PARTY'S FINE ARTS SYNDICATE, HAVE ALREADY
REQUESTED EXHIBIT REMAIN UP EXTRA THREE DAYS, CONTRARY TO
THEIR USUAL POLICY OF LIMITING SHOWINGS TO ONE WEEK.
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4. SYNDICATE WITH POST SUPPORT UTILIZING EXHIBIT TO MAXIMUM
EXTENT, INCLUDING TV AND HEAVY PRINT MEDIA COVERAGE OF
OPENING TO BE FOLLOWED THIS WEEK BY FILM SHOW OF
"ANUSZKIEWICZ, ARTIST" AND "US ART, A GIFT OF OURSELVES",
AND LECTURE/DISCUSSION WITH FILM AND SLIDES ON ANUSZKIEWICZ
AND OP ART LED BY CRITIC QUOTED ABOVE AND COLLEAGUE.

5. ONLY PROBLEM WITH EXHIBIT RAISED BY DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL MUSEUM WHO OBJECTED, ONLY HALF JOKING, TO FACT
THAT EXHIBIT HAD NOT BEEN OFFERED TO HIS INSTITUTION WHICH
HAS HOSTED SEVERAL OF OUR PAST EXHIBITIONS. WE ACCEPTED THE
COMPLIMENT.
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